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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6605**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1137

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 4, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Extra Heavy Duty Highways.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Stevenson

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Charbonneau

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State.

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that certain sections of Highway 912 in East Chicago are designated as extra heavy duty highways, and that the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit at one intersection on Highway 912 may not exceed 264,000 pounds, with several other weight restrictions on a vehicle operated at that intersection. It makes corresponding changes.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Under current law, the legislature designates extra heavy duty highways that carry a maximum combined vehicle weight of 134,000 pounds. The bill would require the redesigned route of Highway 912 from Dickey Road to a point 0.3 miles southwest of Riley Road to carry up to 264,000 pounds, but would not allow the maximum wheel weight to exceed 1,650 pounds per inch width of tire or a single-axle weight in excess of 65,000 pounds. These requirements will not require any changes to the road and have no fiscal impact.

The state has redesigned the route of Highway 912 across a bridge between Dickey Road and Riley Road. These roads were relinquished by the city of East Chicago to the state for this purpose. It is on schedule for retrofits within the next couple of years, but these retrofits are not the result of making the road an extra heavy duty highway.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill requires a special permit for a combined vehicle weight between 80,000 and 264,000 pounds. The maximum special permitted weight under current law is 134,000 pounds. A special vehicle permit includes both a permit fee and a mileage fee. A truck with a combined vehicle

weight of 264,000 pounds would pay an additional \$0.40 per mile more for the mileage fee than a vehicle of 134,000 pounds. Any additional revenue would be based on the miles traveled. Revenue from the special vehicle permit is deposited in the State Highway Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** INDOT.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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